



Great Basin  
Coordination Center

**Great Basin Priority Summary - Based on Most Recent 209's  
7/8/2020**

Priority	Unit ID	Incident	Suppression Strategy	Descriptive Location	Size	24 hr Change	% Ctn	Expected Ctn Date	Complexity/IC	Crews		Helicopters			Total # Persons	Critical Needs	Threats
										T-1	T-2IA or 2	T-1	T-2	T-3			
New and emerging initial attack within the Great Basin																	
1	NV-CCD	Numbers	Full Suppression	10 mi S of Gardnerville, NV	17,296	11,296	20%	7/14/20	Type 3 Team Billy Britt Transition to GB Team 3 7/9	6	7	3	5	1	564	None	Gardnerville, cultural and arch sites, Sage - grouse
2	NV-ELD	Meadow Valley	Full Suppression	25 mi S of Caliente, NV	33,763	31,263	5%	7/14/20	Type 3 IC Goff	2	1	2	0	2	164	Maintain current	U.P. Railroad, Critical Desert Tortoise & and Big Horn Sheep habitats
3	ID-IFD	Telegraph	Full Suppression	25 mi W of Idaho Falls, ID	700	NEW	0%	7/09/20	Type 4 IC Kunkel	0	0	0	0	1	41	None	1 communications tower
4	UT-SCS	Canal	Full Suppression	5 mi N of Oak City, UT	78,065	0	98%	7/11/20	Type 2 IMT Team 3 –Bollier	4	2	0	1	0	302	None	Full containment in all divisions.
	NV-HTF	Mahogany	Full Suppression	28 mi NW of Las Vegas, NV	2,758	0	100%	7/7/20	Transitioned to Type 3 Org.								

## Evening Brief

Date: Wednesday July 8th, 2020

### Weather Summary

**\*\*\* Extended Period of Hot/Dry Weather in Most Areas This Week\*\*\***

**\*\*\* High Risk for Winds/Low RH Over Far Southern NV/UT/AZ Strip and the Sierra Front Thursday \*\*\***

**\*\*\* High Risk for Lightning Saturday AZ Strip and far Srn UT \*\*\***

The hot/dry conditions across the Great Basin will continue this week as strong high pressure across the Rockies and Central Plains, shifts westward towards the 4-Corners. As low pressure lifts further north, winds will decrease, but still remain gusty in the far southern areas of the Great Basin at times this week into the weekend. Therefore, *High Risk continues Thursday in small areas for far Southern Utah and the AZ Strip and along the Sierra Front* with gusts 30-40 mph expected and single digit RH.

RH will be particularly dry, with single digits through this weekend across Nevada, Utah and the AZ Strip, and into the teens across southern Idaho. Winds diminish a bit later in the week, but hot/dry conditions will continue with high pressure rebuilding across the 4-Corners region and winds may pick up again in the south this weekend and over a larger area next week.

Models are continuing to show some elevated subtropical moisture moving up from Arizona and into southern parts of the Great Basin by this coming weekend. This would be potentially critical, with the potential for lightning after an extended period of hot/dry conditions. For this reason we have issued *High Risk for Dry Lightning Saturday* for the AZ Strip and a small part of far Srn UT. The timing and locations could change significantly this far out.

Temperatures will also increase Friday into the weekend along with possibly breezy winds again... and this could be significant especially if we get lightning over the weekend, or if there additional human starts with the very dry weather/fuels in place.

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### Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	PL 3	Light Initial Attack Activity
National	PL 3	New Fires and Acres: 8 fires 718 acres; 42,559 acres large fire growth

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### Fuels/Fire Potential

Warm/very dry/breezy weather this week will rapidly dry fuels across the Great Basin. By weeks end, we will have the most widespread areal coverage of critically dry fuels so far this fire season.

Even across Idaho, which received the most recent cool/wet weather will be drying considerably this week. Parts of South-Central Idaho have received less precipitation, and fuels are much drier there than surrounding areas, with a recent increase in fire activity.



Further south, where precipitation has been sparse over the past few weeks, several days of hot/dry conditions have pushed both 10-hr and 100-hr fuels below 5%. While recent large fire activity has decreased in many areas, additional lightning by this coming weekend would be especially critical, as fuels approach near record dry levels in some spots.

Grasses are mostly cured below 6000 ft in nearly all areas. Some new grass growth may be emerging in areas that have received over an inch of precipitation the past 3 weeks, namely northeast Nevada, far northern Utah and much of southern Idaho.

Sagebrush live fuel moisture across the southern half of the Great Basin have dropped below 120%, and below 100% in the far south, so in those areas the brush is becoming consumed as part of the fire environment. Northern area live fuel moisture still remains above normal.

### Resources:

#### Aviation within the Great Basin

- 1 VLATs, 4 LATs, 2 Scoopers
- 21 SEATs, 1 LP, 12 AA, 2 ASM
- 8 Type 1 Helicopters / 2 Avail.
- 9 Type 2 Helicopters / 3 Avail.
- 15 Type 3 Helicopters / 1 Avail.

#### Crews Committed within the Great Basin

- 17 IHCs Committed / 3 Avail.
- 14 T-2 IAs Committed / 5 Avail.

### Current Incident Details

Todays Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
Taylor	2020-IDTFD-000143	0.1	Controlled 07/08/20	43.16341	114.0521	SFA
Cup	2020-UTZIP-000408	0.1	Out 07/08/20	37.18005	113.0111	NO
CEDARVIEW BEND	2020-UTNES-100206	1.2	Out 07/08/20	40.36467	110.0891	NO
Mammoth	2020-UTSCS-200290	2.8	Not Contained	39.92617	112.1297	NO
South Lone Rock	2020-UTSLD-000435	3.5	Not Contained	40.70211	112.6758	NO
Red Spur	2020-UTBRS-000436	0.7	Not Contained	41.64105	111.4375	FWS-PAC
Corral	2020-IDEIS-000051	10	Not Contained	43.55086	112.5263	IHMA
Telegraph	2020-IDIFD-000050	700	Not Contained	43.55346	112.5506	IHMA

\* Fires occurred previous night, not today

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